

Date: July 22, 2016
RE: Chapter 173-442 WAC, Clean Air Rule

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Comment:

I urge you to adopt a Clean Air Rule that meets the scientific mandate for protecting our global climate. The currently proposed rule calls for less than 2% carbon reductions per year whereas the scientific mandate is for reductions of at least 8% per year. Although it is clear that Washington State cannot solve this global problem on its own, there is neither a moral nor a legal justification for Washington State failing to do its part.

This is an urgent matter. In addition to decades of research backing the overwhelming scientific consensus that human-induced climate change is real and potentially catastrophic if greenhouse gas emissions are not rapidly reduced, the most recent global temperature data show an unprecedented spike. We may already be entering a state of climate crisis. I expect my state government to respond accordingly and fulfill its solemn responsibility to “(p)reserve, protect and enhance the air quality for current and future generations” [as mandated in the Clean Air Act].

Thank you for considering this comment.

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